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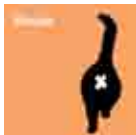


We love sharing photos of special kitties, updates on our events, and more on our Facebook page. You can also post photos with our 4000+ Facebook friends! Come visit us at

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FREE Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic!

Did you know that Purrfect Pals offers FREE spay and neuter surgeries for cats and kittens every week in our Arlington shelter's clinic? Donations are encouraged if you are able, but not required. To schedule your kitty's appointment, please call us at 360-652-9611 or email us at cats@purrfectpals.org.



Donate Your Vehicle to Help Cats

Are you considering buying a new vehicle this year? Instead of trading in your old one, consider making it a tax-deductible donation to support the cats at Purrfect Pals! Our partnership with Donate for Charity, a nationally known vehicle donation program, makes it nearly effortless for you. A call to Donate for Charity is toll free at 1-866-392-4483 or you can visit their website (www.donateforcharity.com) for more information. Many thanks to those of you who have already donated a vehicle to support our cats!



Did you Adopt from Purrfect Pals?

We love hearing updates on Purrfect Pals cats after they have been adopted. If you would like to share your kitty's story with our staff, volunteers and foster parents, please email your update to us at connieg@purrfectpals.org.



Sanctuary Tour: FIV LAND

Meet the Residents of our Sanctuary for FIV Positive Cats!

When you visit Purrfect Pals for the first time, you might have a tough time figuring out which of the sanctuary rooms houses the cats that are supposedly sick. What you'll find in FIV Land is a bunch of big, friendly, apparently healthy cats that greet every visitor with delight and would be perfect additions to almost any household. You might end your visit puzzled by why these cats are so much harder to adopt out. One answer to that question is the wealth of misinformation that is out there regarding FIV.

FIV+ cats are still routinely euthanized in

many, if not most, shelters and by many veterinarians. Yet in shelters like Purrfect Pals where these cats are given long term sanctuary and even adopted out, the truth becomes evident: many FIV+ cats will live completely normal lives free of any symptoms associated with the virus. Most will live normal lives and never be diagnosed because they don't get sick or aren't taken to a vet.

Cats with FIV typically remain free of symptoms for many years. Eventually, infection can lead to a state of immune deficiency that makes the cat vulnerable



Anchor Blue, a handsome fourteen year old boy who is a long time resident of FIV Land.

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PurrfectPals
Because every cat matters

Purrfect Pals is a non-profit, no-kill cat-only adoption organization and sanctuary, helping more than 3,000 cats yearly through adoptions and a free community spay and neuter clinic.

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Meet the Staff:

Danielle Braasch, Clinic Assistant



Meet Danielle, one of the recent additions to our staff at Purrfect Pals!

Ever since she was five years old, Danielle Braasch had set her sights on a lifetime of working with animals. Luckily for Purrfect Pals, cats have always been her favorite.

Danielle was an only child and was born in Oklahoma to a family of missionaries. They moved frequently and lived in many countries as part of their evangelical work. During a return trip to Washington State, they decided to settle here, where Danielle went to high school and then attended Central Washington University. She earned a Bachelors degree in Education but, after working briefly in teaching, she realized her passion was still with animals. Danielle went back to school and is currently studying to become become a Veterinary Technician.

Danielle worked in a few Puget Sound veterinary clinics but was attracted to the idea of working more hands-on with cats. We have plenty of those at Purrfect Pals, and were thrilled to have her join us as a Veterinary Assistant in our Arlington Shelter's Clinic. For now she balances her studies and work, a purrfect match for both of us! 🐾

**Purrfect Pals
2012 Adoptions**

January	98
February	112
March	94
April	100
May	89
June	154
July	207
August	158
September	166
October	145
November	145
December	200
Total Adoptions	1668



Just a few of the many Kuranda cat towers in FIV Land. The cats love climbing and sleeping on them and our staff and volunteers love that the towers are durable and easy to clean!

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to viruses, parasites and fungi found commonly in the environment. These secondary infections are responsible for many of the diseases associated with FIV. FIV+ cats that remain in a shelter setting are much more likely to end up suffering from some of these diseases (upper respiratory infections, for example) than cats protected from infection in a home.

In the later stages of FIV, a number of problems are possible, with inflammation



Owl Puccino, a former resident of FIV Land, now lives in a "Permanent Foster" home. His family will provide lifetime care for Owl, but he will continue to receive medical care and support from the Purrfect Pals veterinary staff.

of the gums (gingivitis) and mouth (stomatitis) most common. A painful mouth can lead to persistent weight loss. Various kinds of cancer and blood diseases are somewhat more common in FIV+ cats than they are in otherwise healthy cats; neurological symptoms like seizures are also possible. High quality nutrition and regular dental cleanings are important to support good health in FIV+ cats.

We all know that every time you take into your heart and home an animal, you're also taking the risk that it has a hidden health problem. No animal's health can be guaranteed, any more than the health of a child can be. Do FIV+ cats have a higher risk of developing one of these problems? Yes. Is that risk high enough to make them unadoptable? No. The cats currently in FIV-Land have quirky, happy, gentle, crazy, lovable personalities. Each is an individual that deserves the best possible life.

FIV+ cats that come to Purrfect Pals have the security of a lifelong home in our FIV Land sanctuary, should they need it. We do our best to make their lives as happy as possible. They have an outdoor window box to sun themselves in and plenty of cat towers and toys. We feed them a high

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Calendar

Saturday Kitten Adoption Event!

11am-4pm at Everett Petsmart

FREE Cat Spay and Neuter Clinic

Fridays by Appointment at the Purrfect Pals Clinic in Arlington

February 22-24

Petsmart National Adoption Weekend

May 4

Average Joe Cat Show
(Shoreline Events Center)
www.averagejoeecatshow.org

October 26

Black Cat Ball Auction
(Meydenbauer Center), Bellevue

Wish List

- Dry Adult Cat Food (Purina Pro Plan preferred)
- Dry Kitten Food (Royal Canin Babycat or Pro Plan preferred)
- Canned Kitten Food (Royal Canin Babycat or Pro Plan preferred)
- Paper Towels
- Postage Stamps and Greeting Cards (Thank You, blank inside, sympathy, etc)
- Non-Clumping Clay Cat Litter
- Fleece, batting and catnip for kitty toy sewing projects
- Costco and Amazon.com Gift Cards



For more donation ideas, please visit our shelter's Amazon.com Wish List!



Rockstar, Jillian and Anchor Blue napping in the sun out in their window box.

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quality diet of dry and canned food and keep their room scrupulously clean. Staff and volunteers visit them daily for play and cuddle sessions. Even so, life as a sanctuary cat is not the same as living in a home with a loving family. Also, we can only continue to rescue FIV+ cats if we have room for more in the sanctuary.

The best possible outcome for an FIV+ Purrfect Pals cat is to be adopted. How do we encourage someone that the risks outweigh the rewards, though? We recognize that adopting an FIV+ cat is a big commitment. Vet bills can add up when you own a cat prone to dental challenges and upper respiratory infections.

The solution that we came up with was our "Permanent Foster" program. All of our cats who are infected with FIV or Leukemia are placed through this arrangement. Permanent Foster families commit to providing their kitties with a lifelong home but Purrfect Pals continues to provide medical care, special diets and medication if needed. Having the support of our veterinary staff, who are very experienced caring for FIV cats, provides comfort and security for Permanent Foster parents.

The next time you find yourself with a few

hours to spare, please consider coming to spend it with the cats in FIV Land. Bedtime Bear, Tim Gunn, Cedric, Gage, Wagner, Jillian and Zackary have the feather toy ready and are looking forward to your visit! 🐾



Leo, one of our newest FIV+ residents

FIV 101

What is FIV? What does it do to cats?

Virologists classify feline immunodeficiency virus (FIV) as a lentivirus (or "slow virus"). FIV is in the same retrovirus family as feline leukemia virus (FeLV), but the viruses differ in many ways.

Infected cats may appear normal for years. However, infection eventually leads to a state of immune deficiency that hinders the cat's ability to protect itself against other infections. The same bacteria, viruses, protozoa, and fungi that may be found in the everyday environment--where they usually do not affect healthy animals--can cause severe illness in those with weakened immune systems. These secondary infections are responsible for many of the diseases associated with FIV. An infected cat's health may deteriorate progressively or be characterized by recurrent illness interspersed with periods of relative health. Sometimes not appearing for years after infection, signs of immunodeficiency can appear anywhere throughout the body.

How common is the infection?

In the United States, approximately 1.5 to 3 percent of healthy cats are infected with FIV. Rates rise significantly -15% or more- in cats that are sick or at high risk of infection. Because biting is the most efficient means of viral transmission, free-roaming, aggressive male cats are the most frequently infected, while cats housed exclusively indoors are much less likely to be infected.

How is FIV spread?

The primary mode of transmission is through bite wounds. Casual, non-aggressive contact does not appear to be an efficient route of spreading FIV. Cats in households with stable social structures where housemates do not fight are at little risk for acquiring FIV. On rare occasions infection is transmitted from an infected mother cat to her kittens. Sexual contact is not a major means of spreading FIV.

Can I become infected with FIV?

Although FIV is a lentivirus similar to HIV (the human immunodeficiency virus) and causes a disease in cats similar to AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) in humans, it is a highly species-specific virus that infects only felines.

How long will a cat with FIV live?

It is impossible for a Veterinarian to accurately predict the life expectancy of a cat infected with FIV but, with appropriate care and under ideal conditions, many infected cats will remain in apparent good health for many months or years.

-Cornell Feline Health Center

Save the Dates!

Join us for the Average Joe Cat Show on May 4th!

Registration is now open for the 10th Annual Average Joe Cat Show! Visit www.averagejoecatshow.org to sign-up! If your kitty prefers to stay home, you can still participate by entering your favorite cat mug shots in our Photo Contest! Join us in Shoreline on Saturday, May 4th for this fun, family friendly event! For more information, please email us at connieg@purrfectpals.org.



Join us for the 2013 Black Cat Ball on October 26th!

Mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Black Cat Ball, to be held at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue on the evening of October 26th. Join us for this fun Halloween-themed evening featuring a delicious gourmet vegetarian (or vegan) dinner, plenty of wine and champagne and silent and live auctions featuring 500+ items. This year is our 25th Anniversary and we hope you will be there to help us celebrate this important milestone! For more information, please email us at connieg@purrfectpals.org.

Special Thanks to:



The "Cool Penguin Friends" Campfire Club dropping off donations of cat food and supplies which they collected at area grocery stores for Purrfect Pals.

Build-a-Bear Workshop's "Bear Hugs Foundation" for a much-needed \$3,000 grant to help fund the Purrfect Pals Free Community Spay and Neuter Clinic.

The CH2M HILL Sixth Floor Committee who hosted a Chili Feed, Bake Sale, Lunchtime Musical Event and other events to raise money for Purrfect Pals.

Fans of the Critter Room Kitten Cam from all over the world who have donated cat and kitten food and supplies via our Amazon.com Wish List.

Tyler Stone who, for his 13th birthday, asked his friends and family to bring donations of cat food and toys for Purrfect Pals rather than bringing gifts for him.

The **Animal Rescue Site** and **Petfinder Foundation** for sponsoring the Shelter Challenge and awarding Purrfect Pals a \$1,000 grant for being a weekly winner! Thank you so much to everyone who has been voting for Purrfect Pals every day!



Our Staff, Volunteers, Foster Parents and Supporters all over the world who have been faithfully voting for Purrfect Pals every day in the Shelter Challenge! We are humbled by your time, passion and generosity. Because of **YOU**, we will be able to help many more cats and kittens in need this year.

The Petco Foundation for their extremely generous \$25,000 grant to help pay for our upcoming shelter expansion project!



In Honor and In Memory



Christabelle

In memory of "our" beautiful Christabelle--I say "our" as she was a favorite at Purrfect Pals for four years. She was a "special needs" kitty and was featured last year in the newsletter explaining the Permanent Foster Mom program. That's where I came in--I came in with a list of 6 Siamese I wanted to look at, I remember Christa was #6 and from the moment they put her in my lap, she purred (loudly) and her paws were going in-and-out a mile a minute--she stole my heart instantly, we were going to be BFF's! She had a condition called gingivostomatitis, for which Dr. Morgan treated her monthly. Through two surgeries, sometimes we saw Dr. M weekly. In the end Christa developed Lymphomia so we had to say our final Good-byes on 11/12/12. Christabelle filled my heart with joy, I miss her so much. She had so much love to give. She was rescued from a home with 29 cats, when she was about 7 years old, this little girl didn't have much of a chance to find love & happiness, but she did find it at Purrfect Pals, she was a "star" kitty there, and my little soul-mate. I can't begin to thank Dr. Morgan, Debei, and all the staff there for all the care and concern they have given to us. Rest in Peace dear Christabelle.

-Joyce Bear

In memory of my friend Chris Wujcik, who introduced me to Purrfect Pals many years ago.

-Lynn Blick

In memory of Jake. We had 15 wonderful years with our angel. He will be in our hearts forever.

-Salle Cornish

In memory of Chris Wujcik

-Ed & Sue George

In memory of Kristin Summers

-Sonja Groset

In memory of Richard Debarry, aka Southern Dragon, who rescued every kitty he could. RIP-

-Karen Norman

Remembering all our boys - Max, Thomas, Chester, and Roland

-Cynthia & David Anderson

In honor of Malcolm, Rosa, Carlos, and a host of others!

-Lisa Cook

In loving memory of Atti; we were lucky to have him with us for many years.

-Jan and Ted

In honor of the Anarchy Kittens

-Jennifer Habley

In memory of Bubbles

-Chris & James Ramos

In loving memory of our 3: Precious Nala, Mr. Peanut, and Miss Muffin. I am happy to be able to use part of my Christmas Bonus to make life a little better for the cats in your tender care. God Bless you all for your undying efforts on behalf of all the cats and kittens who, thankfully, find their way to your shelter.

-Nancy Freeman

In memory of Sally (Mrs. John) Ross

-Barbara Rusk

In honor of Sabrina & Brandon Blake

-Al & Jane Blake

In memory of Casper, who passed away in November 2011. He was originally adopted from Purrfect Pals, and won a first place ribbon for "Whitest Cat" at the Average Joe Cat Show.

-Dave Donaldson

In honor of Nina Hames - to the Tipper Fund.

-Kaitlyn Sill

In honor of Gail Daschel's Birthday

-Karen Fineide

In honor of Marla Peele's Birthday

-Don & Reva Hamilton

In memory of Sally Ross

-Arlene Adams

In memory of my wife Shirley, who passed away in April of 2012. Both of us have always felt that Purrfect Pals is one charity that we would always donate to. The work you do is fantastic. I wish I could give a lot more. All animals need to be cared for always.

-Steve Duncan

In honor of John Bartlett's webcam reaching 20,000 viewers today!

-Marilyn Howell

In loving memory of my best friend Orion

-Mary Hannan

In honor of Fannie Brice and her "Mom", JoAnn Gove.

-Linda & Glenn Hinrichsen

In memory of Tom Berg and Sadie Hirsch

-Larry Siegler

In honor of Jennifer Austin and her kitties. She does volunteer work for Purrfect Pals.

-Malcolm Higa

In honor of Joan Holub & George Hallowell

-Anonymous

In honor of Connie & Ron Tosh - to the Tipper Fund

-Michelle Novobilski

In memory of my two kitties Lulu and Trudy, who passed away on October 1st, 2012, and November 24th, 2012. You and your staff are a godsend to all the helpless kitties. Thank you all.

-Lois Dawson

In honor of Linda Boyd

-Theodore Teppo

In honor of Mary Ellen Raun

-Matt Shaffner

In memory of all the wonderful cats in Leuki Land that we lost most recently - Jester, Quark, and Justin.

-Denise Trautmann

In honor of Taylor & Allison Noble

-Shanon Dom

In Honor and In Memory

In memory of my 19 year old kitty, Ivy, and beloved girl, Shatzie Dog.

-Art Rosengren

In honor of Lou & Kathy Colombano

-Shanon Dom

In loving memory of my Girlfriend, Linda Phelps

-Michael Rizzo

In honor of Mary Ellen and TC

-Judy Ridner

In honor of Sue Weaver for all the help she provided to my friends by working to transition Ed's cats after he passed away. Sue really made a difference. Thank you.

-Patricia Miller

In honor of John Bartlett. The little kittens and Rosemary bring me a lot of joy and help me to relax. I am in a very difficult phase of my life and living in a foreign country. I admire your generosity and kindness, and thank you heartily!

With friendly greetings from Germany.

-Candace Zaiden

In loving memory of my Mother – a Costco gift card & cat food to help the Purrfect Pals cats.

-Patricia Miller

In memory of Bobby, who is that special cat in my heart, always.

-Janet Hagen

In honor of my little Yorkie, Harley, who passed away suddenly. Peace.

-Katherine Simmons

In memory of Alan John Wright

-Dorothy White

In memory of Mama Cat, Valentina, Velja, Vicki, Violet, and Laura

-Dan McDonnell, Olive, and Rex

In memory of Mollykins, on the anniversary of her passing over the Rainbow Bridge, after 17 years of purrs.

-Abby Wolfe

In memory of Mouse

-Terri Rossi

In memory of John Elwell, a friend and cat lover who recently passed away.

-Jeanne & Ted Lind

In honor of Misty & Maisie, who we got at Purrfect Pals in October 2010.

-Kathleen Sargent

In memory of Miss Mariel; Purrfect Pals enabled us to meet her nine years ago.

-Lesley Hanson

In honor of Lindsay Mustain

-Aaron Mustain

In honor of Melon

-Antaeres Antoniuk-Pablant

In memory of Rich Candey

-Sherian Candey

In memory of Edith

-Rosalind Winters

In memory of Sierra Nagel. You shared the best sixteen years with me. You are missed forever, baby.

-Judy Nagel

In memory of Marcello

-Lisa Schlievert

In memory of Charlie

-Mark Rothschiller

In honor of Cholena Brown's 18th Birthday

-Debbie Brown

In memory of Sasha Pugh. She was just over twenty years old when she passed away on December 6th.

-Jessica Dwyer

In memory of Gary & Lee Wright's cat, Jack, who just passed away.

-Arlene & Don Zimmerman

In memory of Mike Rizzo's beloved companion Linda Phelps

-Terri Bauer-Rizzo

In honor of Saber. Several years ago I brought you the FIV cat, Saber, who became one of your greeting card cats. I really appreciate your work. -Best to all.

-Patrick Hub

In honor of Joanna Karaplis

-Sandra Booth

In honor of Cassandra Pellett

-Doug & Teresa Pellett

In honor of Karen Fineide's Birthday

-Gail Daschel

In honor of Robert & Martha Nicoloff

-Charles Nicoloff

In honor of the marriage of Keith & Kevin Arnett

-Judith & Rudy Schleusner

In memory of our beloved kitty who passed away of heart failure this past year. His name was Taz and he was almost 16 years old. We miss him dearly, but we now have two rescue kitties named Lily and Grace.

-Dan & Jennifer Lacey

In honor of JoAnn Syron

-Mary Alyce Cox



In Honor and In Memory

In honor of Louie

-Claudia Davis

In memory of Bubba, who was a good friend and faithful companion for nearly seventeen years, and in honor of Christa Quackenbush.

-Doris Cozine

In memory of Blackie Boy

-Jo Palkovich

In memory of our very special cat, Sophie "bin laden"

-Don & Sheryl

In memory of Virginia Nelson who passed away on January 12, 2012. Thank you for the love you give to those who cannot speak for themselves.

-Margie Haggett

This donation is in honor of all my "outside guys", the feral cats I came to know in the alley behind my former residence. It is also in memory of the many who have not survived or who will become victims of the dangers of traffic, predators (animal and human), and the lack of adequate food, shelter, and veterinary care.

-Judith Sorensen

In loving memory of Orion. It's been 6 months and not a minute goes by that I don't think of you and miss you.

-Mary Hannan

In honor of Catherine Shah

-Michael Shah

In honor of the Prison Kitty Program

-Hank Balson

In honor of Barbara Moore

-Deborah Knetzger



Jester

In honor of our precious Shyanne's 14th Anniversary with us.

-Gordon and Elaine

In memory of Smoky. One of our family, loved and greatly missed by all of us.

-Dame Daphne, Thor, Thelma, Sunflower, Midnight, Tucson, Ken Hoffman, Vicki Rowland

In honor of Holly Harem and Vicki Chaudhry.

-Doris Harem

In memory of my Mother, because she loved all animals, especially a beloved cat she left behind.

-Co-workers of Janet Faust

In honor of Beth Schlansky, and her babies – both here, and at the Rainbow Bridge.

-Patricia Murphy

In honor of my sister, Tricia Brush, who lovingly gives countless hours of her time helping Purrfect Pals at the Renton Petsmart, and trapping and fostering cats.

-Nancy Gower

In honor of Deanna

-Shelley Furrer

In memory of my son, Levi Ray Christensen, who loved cats.

-Rhonda Christensen

We are making this donation in memory of Janet Noland, who recently passed away. She is the mother of Tom Noland, one of your volunteers. Janet was a caring pet owner so we hope this donation will extend that caring to the animals at your shelter.

-Dennis and Ann Olason

In memory of Cosmo.

-Rachel Green

In honor of Marti Garrentt's Birthday

-Ellen Blackstone

In loving memory of my sweet cousin, Cynthia Jeanne Goldman. Cindy was tragically taken from us on February 15th, 2012. She lived in Arlington, and was a big cat lover.

-Diane Gustafson

In memory and honor of Millie, greatest 19 year old ever.

-Yvonne Bloomingdale

In memory of Lovealot Bear (Lovie), one of a group rescued by Purrfect Pals several years ago, and who has lived with us the past four years. She passed away peacefully in her forever home here, and her passing has left a void which we can never fill. Were it not for Purrfect Pals, we would never have had the chance to know Lovie and have her as a member of our household, even though her stay with us was far too short. She will be in our hearts forever and we thank you for that.

-Tori L. McKlveen DVM & David R. Fransen DVM

In memory of Nooksack, our "Gentle Giant", to be used for the Tipper Fund. Nooksack was a five week old feral kitten when we rescued him. He grew up to be the sweetest, most gentle kitty ever. Nooksack's sudden illness was a shock, and we had to say goodbye way too soon (10 years wasn't long enough). We miss you sweet boy.

-Mom (Lorrie), Dad (Lindy), Carbee, Bear, and Mr. Koko Bear

In honor of Penny Lane

-Royal & Kristine Goldfarb

In honor of Marci. Marci's sweet video ovation really made me do this! Please put this small donation towards her care. Thank you for all you do!

-Constance Perenyi

In Memory of "Moki" (1998-2013), Lovingly cared for by Jordonna Farias.

-City Kitty Grooming

In memory of some of our shelter kitties that left us this past year... Diamond Dallas – one of our FIV boys, Mr. King – our shy grey guy, Cowboy – one of Kathy's special boys, and Tawny – the office diva who liked her spot on the cabinet behind bookkeeper Kathy. These kitties were special to staff and volunteers alike, and will be missed.

-Lorrie Lippert

In memory of Junelle Erickson's FIV travelling buddy, Midget

-Susan Schrier

This is a gift in honor of my cats from my sister for Christmas. Happy New Year!

-Katrina Jarman

In memory of Charles E. (Chuck) Stevens

-Muriel VanHousen

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In Memory of Sonora.

-Anonymus

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-Katrina Jarman

In honor of my friend Tracy Van Woert, who is a friend to cats everywhere.

-Allison Quinn

In honor of Holly & Luna

-Victoria Chaudhry

In memory of Mick, Nellie, and Edgar

-Robert Nicoloff

In Memory of Kay Pasa, who recently passed away. She was almost 18 years old, very sweet and her Mom's best buddy.

-Jessica Dwyer

In memory of all the wonderful kitties and dogs, that left emptiness in the hearts and homes of so many friends. Angela's beautiful black girl – Sarafina, Alysens special love – Friday, Vera and Anatoly's big girl - Gretchen, Barbara and Sid's fluffy tuxedo boy – Felix, Mary's orange feral – Morris, Sue's sweet old dog – Lexi, Jeff and Lisa's pretty girl – Carmela, and their loving rescue dog, Bowie. You're all missed.

-Lorrie Lippert

In Memory of Shiloh

-Susan Schrier

In memory of Nick, Kate Breslin's cat.

-Anjali Banerjee

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In memory of Sue Tucker.

-Janet Cutlip

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-Lorrie Lippert

Dear Orion, hockey season just started and it isn't the same without you. Love you always...

-Mary Hannan

In memory of Fred, Jean and Paul Harding's cat.

-Kate Farrell

In memory of our beloved friend, Max E. Sutton

-Abbe Sutton

Purrfect Endings



Hi! We brought home Ricky, a FeLV+ cat in June 2011 and I thought I'd let you know he's doing fantastic. He has made friends with our other resident FeLV+ cat, Dreadnought, and they are great buddies. They love to play and cuddle together. Ricky is also very tolerant of our one year old daughter and will purr contently while allowing her to pet him! We are so happy Ricky is a wonderful part of our family now :) Please enjoy the pictures I have attached!

The Joy Family



Thanks for keeping Katniss until we found her! She's happy and bouncing around the apartment with her adopted brother. He's got a new spring in his step since she arrived!

-Robert Del Favero

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Purrfect Endings



Eddie & Bella

How fortunate for all concerned that you let me have Bella and Eddie! Their being TOGETHER has been a huge factor in their near instant settling in here. They agreed within an hour that the bathroom is a fine location for the litter box and have been using it there faithfully. They are SO affectionate and I love that. Bella wants up on my lap whenever she sees me in a chair, even at my meals time! When I am brushing one, the other wants to be brushed too. By 4:00 a.m. on their first night, they were both snuggled close on the bed with me. I am having meal times for them instead of leaving food in the bowls all the time. Iams has a 10% lower fat food available I may consider, since Bella is so Rubenesque. When I try to shift her so I can get back in bed, she is like a beached whale (but purring all the while).

I am a happy new kitty daddy,
John

Lindi - Christmas 2012, 4 years, 3 months old. I got her at the Petsmart in South Everett. Thank you Saints for your wonderful work with cats and kittens.

Betty McLellan

We love our cat, Hans that came from Purrfect Pals three years ago! He is five years old now.

Judy Schoenfeld



Lindi

We adopted Koko from the Everett Petsmart on 10-13-12. You called him "Mokey" and we re-named him "Koko".

Larry & Laurene Lundberg

Thank you for all the wonderful work that you all do for our furry friends.

Karen & Jerry, and Bunny & Daisy
- our Mother and daughter cats
we adopted three years ago at Petsmart

I adopted Clio (black & white kitten) in 2004 at the Average Joe Cat Show. She's happy and healthy!

Melanie Rowland

This donation is on behalf of the Sundance Kid, aka Luke. Adopted in 2005 and still going strong at the age of 7! Thank you Purrfect Pals for my Luke!

Stacey Solemslie

Gentle, lovable Mali was adopted from Purrfect Pals in 2008 at age six weeks. She is my sweetheart, and kisses my neck when I return home.

Thank you, Jerry Yate



Sorin

We've had Tal (in the foreground) in our family for almost 14 months now, and he's still a big baby, with sweet cuddles and a heartwarming, really loud purr. He's still a little skittish around guests, but he's made improvements on that front, as long as the guests aren't very loud. Tal may not be the brightest little kitty we've met, but he makes up for that with love to spare. Tal has helped his big brother Ron lose some of his extra weight by playing with him daily, so all family members have benefited from a new friend. Ron's weight is finally down to normal for his size. After I moved the cat tree out of our dining nook to the patio door for Thanksgiving, they've taken to their tree with new excitement, as they can see out better from the top perch.

Paulina & Robin (Tal's mom and dad)



Mali

In August my boyfriend and I adopted a lovely black kitten from the Everett Petsmart. Then, his name was Finn and he was a bit shy. Now he's Sorin and has turned into an adorable lap cat, with a thing for munching on feathers! Both my boyfriend and I have had pets in the past, but neither of us were used to having a cat who would actually love on people, and sit still on laps. We are happy to say that Sorin is happy and still cuddly, even with friends we bring into the house! He has also gotten so big, though we are sure even after 8 months he will still get larger. Thank you for taking care of him when you did and we hope he will continue to be lovey even as he gets older.

Cassie and Derek

Just wanted to let you, Kathy, and the rest of the gang know that Soul Kitty is doing great. He has gained some weight, and his lion cut has grown back in. He looks like a shag carpet with eyes! ;-) He seems to like indoor living just fine, although I think it's still very novel for him - he's like a giant, intense kitten, bounding around the house and turning everything he can into a toy. He rubs against anyone who comes to visit, and he was so happy when Jenna had several friends for a sleepover last weekend. Thanks again for all your support! We're so glad to have him back in our lives and truly part of our family now.

Julie, Stuart & Jenna Kumasaka

"Saving one cat won't change the world, but it will change the world for that one cat."

Tipper Fund Update

The Tipper Fund pays for extraordinary surgeries and vet procedures that demand resources beyond our ability to offer without special help. Here is just one example:



Claire

which was unlikely to appeal to potential adopters. Luckily, another option was available. Thanks to the Tipper Fund, we were able to send her to the Feline Hyperthyroid Treatment Center at Cats Exclusive Veterinary Center in Shoreline (www.felinehtc.com) for Radioiodine treatment, which was successful.

After six months at Purrfect Pals, Claire finally found a home for the holidays! We couldn't be happier for this sweet vintage kitty and are grateful to everyone whose generous donations to the Tipper Fund made that possible! We are also appreciative of the generous support that the Feline Hyperthyroid Treatment Center and Cats Exclusive offer organizations like Purrfect Pals to make it possible for us to rescue special cats like Claire!

Eight year old Claire came to Purrfect Pals in July of 2012 after being abandoned outside when her owners lost their home to foreclosure. Shortly after Claire's arrival at our shelter, this sweet and quiet girl was diagnosed with Hyperthyroidism. Hyperthyroidism can be a very difficult (and expensive) illness to treat with pills,

You can help Purrfect Pals save the lives of cats and kittens in need! If you would like to make a donation to support the Tipper Fund please email us at bookkeeper@purrfectpals.org. 🐾

Can't adopt but want to change the life of a cat in need?



Sponsor Belton!

Sweet little Belton was dropped off at a local shelter after being found as a stray. This chatty, cuddly senior boy needed to have most of his teeth pulled and will require significant medical attention for sinus problems. Would you like to help us care for Belton by becoming his monthly sponsor? Please email us at bookkeeper@purrfectpals.org for more information!

Clip and include in the attached envelope, or mail in your own envelope!



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Yes! I want to help the cats at Purrfect Pals!

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of:

- _____ \$35 (will provide KMR formula for a litter of kittens)
- _____ \$100 (will provide for six months of care for a typical sanctuary kitty)
- _____ \$500 (spay and neuter surgery for two litters of kittens and their moms)
- _____ Other Amount (please indicate amount)

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Help Purrfect Pals Win \$10,000!

The Shelter Challenge, sponsored by the Animal Rescue Site and Petfinder, is back! Now through April 28th, you can vote for Purrfect Pals every day from any internet-ready device. This year's prizes are better than ever, with a state prize of \$1,000 and grand prizes of \$10,000 and \$5,000! Voting is simple...just visit www.purrfectpals.org, click the "Vote Every Day" link, search for "Purrfect Pals" in WA State and verify your vote. You can also help by sharing the voting link on Facebook!



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for the voting link!